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REMARKS

In the telephonic interview of June 27, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the claimed subject matter was entitled to patent protection. However, the Examiner was of the position that claims 23-36 constituted impermissible "hybrid" claims which combined the elements of a device with a method. Pursuant to the discussions which took place during the interview, independent claims 23, 24, and 27-30 have been amended to eliminate the recitation of device features in the claim preamble. In addition, claims 23-30 have been amended to provide for proper antecedent basis for the recited elements.

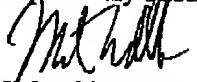
The application includes claims 1-37.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-37 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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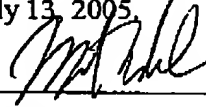
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